

Project Summary Sheet

Project Name: Levee Strengthening and Flood Staging Area

Tracking No: 4033

Location: King River Conservation District, Excelsior Avenue

County: Kings County

Project Sponsor: Kings River Conservation District

Point of Contact: Mr. James T. Richards, Director, Hydro and Flood Maintenance, Phone Number: (559) 237-5567

Co-applicant(s): None

Assembly District: 31, 30, 39

Senate District: 16, 14

Project Description (including size):

The project consists of strengthening an existing project levee, constructing a new interior project levee, constructing a flood control maintenance staging area (30 acres), as well reclaiming agricultural land and enhancing wildlife habitat. Eradication of Arundo along the channel is also included in the project scope.

Flood Benefits:

The potential for flooding along the proposed levee is at great risk to agricultural land, structures, and homes. In April of 1995 over 1,300 acres of farmland, homes, buildings and bridges were greatly impacted by floodwaters.

Agricultural Benefits: Not discussed

Agricultural Land Conserved, acres, if any: Unknown

Wildlife Benefits:

The removal of Arundo from the flood corridor will improve both the quantity and quality of riparian and wetland habitat along the river.

The flood corridor is geographically located among several important conservation areas. Downstream from the corridor is a 6,000-acre Wetland Reserve Program parcel near Helm. Further downstream is the 12,000-acre Mendota Wildlife Area, which is managed by the CDFG.

The project includes habitat restoration and preservation of riparian habitat.

Wildlife Habitat Conserved, acres, if any: Unknown

Total area conserved: Unknown

Other Benefits: N/A

Total Cost: \$ 3,531,148

FPCP Cost: \$ 3,091,148

Funding Partners and Share of Cost:
In-Kind Services - \$440,000